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Dear Commissioner:

I am writing to urge you to act on docket number 98P-0151/CP1: please stop the slaughter of downed animals.

The slaughter of downed animals is unsafe. When these animals are slaughtered for human or animal consumption, this can lead to spread of disease like bovine leukemia virus and bovine immunodeficiency virus. When an animal is down, it is likely to be suffering from a disease, and we should not take any chances of passing disease along to humans or other animals. The animal should be put-down humanely, and autopsied to determine whether disease was a problem.

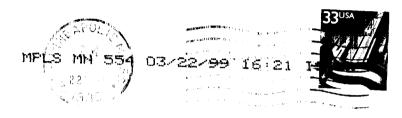
Even when it is known that a downed animal is not sick, it is inhumane to transfer the animal to a slaughter house. In these cases, the animal should be put-down immediately using a humane method. We at least owe this: an easy death, to the animals that provide our food.

Sincerely,

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